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Tarleton Community Primary School Choir at Whittles Farm Restaurant to mark their success in the Last Choir Standing.

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WHAT better way to celebrate winning a prestigious choir competition than to book a meal?

But when the choir is made up of 55 members, it's not always easy finding a table!

Luckily for Tarleton Community Primary School choir, who have just been crowned the Last Choir Singing winners at St George's Hall in Blackburn, the parents of one of the singers, young Ellie Kenyon, just happen to own a restaurant in the village.

More than 1,500 singers from 50 school choirs entered the Last Choir Singing competition this year in heats which took place across the county and the Tarleton choir were one of 10 finalists whittled down from five heats to make it to the Grand Final.

Kirsty and Andrew Kenyon,the owners of Whittles Farm Restaurant on Church Road, decided the whole choir should be treated to a slap up celebratory meal.

Kirsty said: "It was our way of saying thank you."

SANCTUARY IN TV APPEAL FOR FUNDING

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary which cares for more than 350 creatures at any one time have launched an urgent TV appeal for donations saying they could be forced to close after running out of funds.

The Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood takes in a variety of small domestic and farm animals, including ponies, sheep, goats, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, cats, hedgehogs and donkeys.

Opened in 2005, it is funded entirely by donations and weekly running costs are about £3,000.

However in the last 12 months a combination of a surge in demand for its services, coupled with a slump in charitable donations has led to what volunteers have described as a "financial crisis."

This week the sanctuary launched a desperate plea for help via a televised interview feature on ITV News.

One of the trustees, Vickie Maude, was interviewed at the sanctuary for the feature which was shown on Monday (July 18).

Vickie Maude said: "We are now facing a financial crisis and we are appealing to the public for their help.

"Every penny we raise goes directly to the running costs of the shelter. We do not receive any government funding. Every penny we have is raised by our exceptionally hard-working fundraising team with activities, donations from the generous public and our loyal supporters.

"We would not be able to provide the services we do without the hard work of our tireless volunteers and staff who have supported us to this date.

"We have an exceptionally hard-working, skilled and dedicated team here at Woodlands and with their support we believe we could have a very successful future - but we desperately need help to carry on.

"We are helping to rehabilitate one of the country's endangered native species the

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Woodlands staff member Samantha Parkes with one of their rescue donkeys

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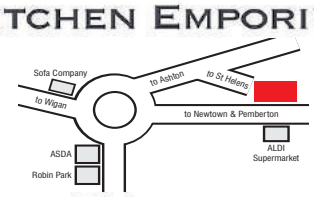

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Motorists urged to beware of the deer

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MOTORISTS in West Lancashire are being urged to beware of deer on roads in the area after one was in collision with a car in the borough last week.

In the incident in Westhead on Friday, July 15 a young deer darted into the road from a nearby field and straight into the path of a car.

Although the driver braked hard she was unable to avoid hitting the deer with considerable force and the creature later had to be humanely put down.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said: "A lady was driving her car along the country lanes of Westhead when a young deer darted out across the road in front of her from a field at the side.

"Despite braking hard and with nowhere to go, the deer was hit with force causing significant damage to the car and great distress to the driver. Other motorists stopped to assist and were able to drag the unconscious deer out of the road.

"We were called and at scene within a few minutes as the deer began to come round a little. However, it soon became clear that the injuries were worse than first feared and a local vet was called to put it to sleep.

This car was damaged after colliding with a young deer on a country lane near Westhead

'Distressing'

"Armed officers had already been alerted and made their way to Westhead. Unfortunately the vet was unable to attend for quite some time and a decision was made, due to the suffering of the animal, to close the road, to ensure public safety, and for firearms officers to dispatch the deer. West Lancs Borough Council later attended to collect the deer.

"It was a very distressing and upsetting situation for all involved."

According to the British Deer Society, there are a number of ways that drivers can try to avoid a collision with a deer.

•If you see a deer on the road, be aware that others may cross too as they usually move around in groups.

•After dark, use your full beam when there is no oncoming traffic as your headlights will illuminate the eyes of the deer giving you earlier warning and greater reaction time. As soon as you see a deer, dip your headlights as animals startled by the beam may 'freeze' rather than leaving the road.

•Don't over-swerve to avoid a deer. If a collision with the animal seems inevitable, then hit it while maintaining full control of your car. The alternative of swerving into oncoming traffic or a ditch could be even worse – apart from motorcyclists, who are at particular risk when in direct collisions with animals.

•Only brake sharply and stop if there is no danger of being hit by following traffic.

•Report any deer-vehicle collisions to the police. Do not approach an injured deer yourself as it may be dangerous.

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Call for council to take a stand against fracking

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN ANTI-fracking campaigner has submitted a motion to West Lancashire Borough Council to help protect the borough from potentially being subjected to the controversial oil and gas extraction process.

Borough councillor Maureen Mills, a member of local campaign group Halsall Against Fracking, has put forward a motion confirming Lancashire's opposition to fracking.

The Labour Councillor submitted the motion for consideration at the meeting of West Lancs Council tonight (Wednesday, July 20) on the grounds that the council should oppose the controversial process – as well as underground coal gasification and coal bed methane extraction – until they have been proven to be safe both in the short and long-term.

In the motion, she raises health concerns including that fracking could significantly contribute to carbon dioxide and methane emissions; potentially pollute or affect water resources in the area; impact on water resources due to the impact of the high volume water consumption used in the process and increase the risk of seismic activity from hydraulic fracturing.

The motion also urges the council to call on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the other Liverpool City Region local authorities to pass a similar motion.

Councillor Maureen Mills (centre) with members of Halsall Against Fracking and Frack Free Lancashire at a recent anti-fracking protest

A similar motion put forward earlier this month by Sefton Council leader Councillor Ian Maher was granted by Sefton Council last week.

Cllr. Mills has staged a number of events during the last three years to protest against the possibility of fracking in West Lancashire.

She said: "We have seen the catastrophic, far-reaching damage that fracking has done to communities in America, it is terrible. We need to ensure that it is opposed in West Lancs and across the UK until it has been proven to be safe both in the short-term and the long-term – and that is a long, long way off.

"We've all heard about the short-term effects but people don't seem to realise the effects in the long term, including polluted groundwater and the effects on agriculture.

"This motion could make a real difference as gas and oil exploration companies can do a survey of an area without applying for permission – but to actually frack, they need council planning permission."

Florrie and Freya outside school with their donation

Girls cook up a winning recipe

SCHOOL pals Freya Ridsdale and Florrie Kofed cooked up a recipe for success when they held a fundraising event in aid of charity.

The Year 5 pupils at Ormskirk St Anne's RC Primary baked cakes and sold them during a Dementia Awareness Day at the school in Aughton Street, Town End, raising £115 for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Freya's nana, Margaret who had lived with dementia.

Sue Swire, community fundraiser for the Cumbria and Lancashire branch of the Alzheimer's Society said: "We are extremely grateful to Freya and Florrie for not only organising such a wonderful event, but also for raising money and for raising much-needed awareness.

"As a charity, we rely on the generosity of others to help us support people to live well with dementia today and fund research to find a cure for tomorrow."

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Animal sanctuary in TV plea for donations

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hedgehog, as well finding loving forever homes for hundreds of unwanted, abandoned and sick cats every year.

"The sanctuary also cares for rabbits, guinea pigs, and an assortment of farm animals and equines.

"We have recently also been able to support and provide volunteering opportunities for people with mental health issues and special needs. This is work that we would like to continue and believe this is making a real difference to the lives of these people.

"However, unfortunately without sufficient funding this will not be possible. We really need your support!"

Any donations would be gratefully received online at animalsanctuary.org.uk/donate or by post to Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, L40 1UE.

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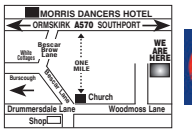

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MP and health body in row over chair's salary

Rosie Cooper says CCG pay levels need to be scrutinised

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has criticised the chair of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for "pocketing up to £140,000 of taxpayers' money for a part-time role."

The West Lancs MP spoke out after the group published figures showing that the chair, Dr John Caine's salary for 2015-16 was between £105,000 and £110,000, plus, she claimed, pension benefit payments of between £27,500 and £30,000.

She said the total package of up to £140,000 was in addition to any income he receives as a GP at his Parbold Surgery practice where he is a partner.

However, a spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group said the pension details quoted by the MP were inaccurate, pointed out that CCG management costs were within budget and defended the chairman's role.

Ms Cooper has tabled a series of parliamentary questions on how payment levels of clinical commissioning groups are set, especially as West Lancs CCG is one of the smaller commissioning bodies.

She said: "It was staggering to see the financial package that is paid to the part-time chair of one of the smaller CCGs in the country. This is before you add on any salary he receives from continuing to practice as a GP.

"When you consider that the median annual wage for West Lancashire is £20,836, this puts into context the chair receiving up to £30,000 in pension benefits alone.

"In neighbouring Knowsley, the chair receives a payment of £55,000 to £60,000 for a CCG which has a larger population than West Lancashire. What is so different in the roles that Dr Caine believes a package of up to £140,000 offers twice the value for money as his Knowsley counterpart?

"I strongly believe that NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, who have responsibility for setting their own pay levels, need to justify the current salary levels and review if they are appropriate in the current financial climate within the NHS - especially as we are talking about a part-time role.

"At a time when residents are struggling to get an appointment with their GP, health budgets are being cut and services are under incredible pressure the salary arrangements at West Lancashire CCG need to be scrutinised."

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group commented: "All GPs working for the CCG including the chairman are paid on a single uniform sessional rate - the same as that previously paid by the NHS Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust.

"The sessional rate paid is determined by the remuneration committee (which has no GP representation) and has remained unaltered throughout the three years-plus the CCG has been in operation.

"The pension payments quoted in the MP's statement do not represent payments made by the CCG on behalf of the chairman. The CCG continues to be run within its allocated management costs.

"GPs that are also chairs of CCGs devote different amounts of time to the role, in addition to their regular work treating patients. Our chairman works for the CCG for the majority of his working time. In addition to his chairman role, he also takes on a wider role of clinical responsibility for the CCG, for example overseeing urgent care.

"We are fortunate to have a chair who has dedicated a greater portion of time to CCG duties. Our chair's input, along with our other GP board members and clinicians, ensures that our work and decisions are underpinned by expert clinical knowledge about local health services."

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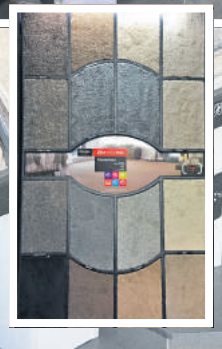

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Theatre group's fears for future

Report by **Henry James**

The cast of the Ormskirk Theatre Company's production of Teechers, which they are having to perform at the Toby Carvery

OFFICIALS of an amateur dramatic group have expressed fears for the future of the organisation unless they can find a suitable 'home' venue for productions and rehearsals.

And they are calling for West Lancs Council to fund an arts venue for the borough which local groups could use.

The Ormskirk Theatre Company (OTC) have been forced to perform their latest production, Teechers, in a hired room at The Toby Carvery on County Road.

The show will run from Thursday to Saturday, July 21 to 23, but officials of the group say they will be looking for another venue when the play has finished.

And committee member Pat Baker has called on the council to help support amateur dramatic groups in the town by funding a venue for theatre shows.

The OTC had been without a base for nearly a year after being forced to leave their previous venue, Upstairs at Disraeli's, before securing the use of the room at the Toby at the start of this year.

Pat Baker said: "The Toby staff have been absolutely fabulous but the situation is not ideal. The room we use is bookable to other societies and it costs £50 a night. There is no way we can afford this and we are looking for a new venue. We are very worried about the future.

"When we were at Disraeli's it worked and we could bring custom to the pub. Unfortunately the brewery wanted to use the upstairs room.

"We have spent £4,000 to £5,000 on lighting, sound systems and back-drops and would love to have our own place.

"However to rent The Civic for a week would cost £800 and with the audiences we get we can't afford that.

Options

"Ormskirk is going from being a market town to be a university town but the students are away from the town during the holidays and we are trying to reach a wider audience.

"We are in discussion with the people who are running The Civic where the cheapest rehearsal room is £10 but I think the council should fund a venue for the arts."

The main community facility used by amateur dramatic companies for productions in the town is the former Ormskirk Civic Hall.

It was taken over by Liz Wainwright and Gemma Briscoe earlier this year who set up the non-profit Ormskirk Civic Hall Community Interest Company and renamed the venue simply The Civic.

Another theatre group the Ormskirk Pleasure Folk have been using the Civic Hall for nearly 45 years and are more than happy with the venue.

Liz Wainwright told the Champion: "We have varying rates for different groups. There is one rate for commercial use and another rate for charities. If OTC was to become a registered charity then they could take advantage of the charitable rate.

"We have met with OTC and discussed various options with them. We would love to have them back at The Civic."

A spokesman for the borough council responded: "Ormskirk Civic Hall, Edge Hill University and Ormskirk School all have purpose-built facilities available for hire for community theatre groups to do performances; and a number of local church halls can also be used for this purpose.

"Community groups can apply to the Arts Council England Grants for Arts programme for grant funding to help with developing new performances.

"If successful the grants will cover stage hire. As with any grant funding there will be criteria the organisations will have to meet but the council's arts development service can help with grant applications."

Health commissioning group recognised for improvement in cancer survival rates

by **Danielle Thompson**

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been recognised at the House of Commons for the improvements in one-year cancer survival rates in the region.

Representatives from the CCG were invited to attend the All Parliamentary Group on Cancer's (APPG on cancer) summer reception at the Commons by MP John Baron in acknowledgement of the significant work being done in the region around one-year cancer survival rates.

Cancer survival is improving across England. The proportion of people surviving for one year after diagnosis has increased to 70.2%, while in West Lancashire the figure is 72%.

However, there is still some work to be done in order to catch up with countries like Sweden which has an 82% survival rate.

CCGs across the country are now held accountable for improving survival rates with increased scrutiny and are encouraged to diagnose patients quicker and for patients to present at their GP at an earlier stage.

The parliamentary group has set CCGs the task of improving these figures by improving diagnosis at primary care, increasing the number of referral rates to secondary care, increasing cancer awareness campaigns such as Public Health England's 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign, creating wider cancer screening programmes and an increased focus on supporting cancer survivorship programmes.

Pioneering

Carol McCabrey, senior service redesign manager at West Lancashire CCG, said: "It was great to be invited to the House of Commons and for West Lancashire to be recognised nationally for the pioneering work taking place in the region to improve one-year survival rates.

"One of the key ways that we are able to ensure that we have such high figures is through our partnership working with providers and partners such as Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust to improve cancer pathways.

"One example of the work we are involved in at the moment is working with partners across the region to increase breast cancer screening for vulnerable women.

"We also host regular cancer awareness engagement events, with our next one taking place on Thursday, October 20 in Skelmersdale focussing on breast cancer."

Jackie Brunton lead cancer nurse at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "I am delighted to see that our areas are the two most improved in the entire country for one-year cancer survival.

"This is very good news for our patients because these improvements reflect earlier diagnosis and earlier, better treatment of cancer.

"The figures also speak volumes about the hard work and professionalism of our fantastic cancer teams, local GPs and NHS commissioning colleagues."

Police hunt for man who subjected train passenger to homophobic abuse

POLICE have issued this CCTV image (***right***) of a man wanted in connection with what officers described as a "vile" homophobic incident on a train from Ormskirk to Liverpool.

In the incident, which took place at about 2.45pm on Tuesday, June 14, the man pictured asked another passenger for money before verbally abusing him and threatening to hit him with a can of lager.

Investigating officer, PC Philip Shaw, said: "The victim was travelling with his mother when another man boarded the train at Kirkdale Station and sat adjacent to them.

"He asked the victim for money before subjecting him to a torrent of homophobic abuse and threatened to hit him with a can of lager he was carrying.

"The abuse continued until he eventually left the train at Moorfields station.

"This was a vile attack on someone who was just minding their own business. Behaviour like this will not be tolerated and we will do everything in our power to find those who seek to intimidate and abuse fellow passengers and bring them to justice."

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Waterlogging forces council to cancel popular Green Fayre

Public encouraged to visit Family Fun event instead to raise funds for military charities

THE annual Green Fayre organised by West Lancashire Borough Council has fallen victim to the unseasonal weather which has plagued the area in the last six weeks.

Council chiefs have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the event as a result of the persistent heavy rainfall which has left ground conditions at Beacon Country Park heavily waterlogged.

The fayre, a highly popular extravaganza celebrating country life, was due to take place at the park this year on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24.

But with the ground already saturated and more rain forecast, staff from the council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service were concerned that conditions would be unsafe to hold the fayre.

As the event attracts big crowds and hosts large-scale displays and demonstrations, staff were particularly concerned about the car park as the ground would have struggled to cope with a full weekend of heavy traffic.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "We are very disappointed to have been forced to cancel the Green Fayre.

"Thousands of people travel from miles around to come to this event which is the most important in our countryside calendar.

"But with the ground in the park being so waterlogged it would have been unsafe to hold the event.

"Next year's show will take place on July 22 and 23 2017 and we very much hope the weather will be kinder to us then so this wonderful event can take place."

Councillor Gagen added: "It is unfortunate that the 2016 Green Fayre has had to be cancelled. However, on the dates that the fayre was scheduled to be held there is a military-themed Family Fun Weekend at Blaguegate playing fields in Skelmersdale that people can enjoy while helping to raise money for military charities at the same time.

"A selection of military vehicles will be on display, while other fun attractions include an inflatable assault course, live bands, climbing walls, bouncy castles, donkey rides and a hog roast."

And despite the fayre being cancelled, the council emphasise that people are still welcome to visit Beacon Country Park and enjoy this beautiful area of local countryside.

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Parish council plan village war memorial

SCARISBRICK Parish Council are planning to install a memorial to commemorate villagers who lost their lives in the First World War.

It is hoped to complete the memorial before the centenary of the ending of the so-called 'Great War' in 2018.

The parish council will also fund memorial books to be distributed to local churches and schools.

It is planned to fund the memorial by means of a donation from the West Lancashire Heritage Association, along with contributions from the people of Scarisbrick.

Local company, Ormsby of Scarisbrick has been commissioned to construct the monument which will be installed in the grounds of Scarisbrick Village Hall.

It will consist of a needle obelisk on a three-tiered plinth constructed from polished black granite and include the names of the 64 Scarisbrick men who lost their lives in the 1914-18 conflict.

The inscription will read 'Scarisbrick Remembers all those from this Parish who gave their lives for our Freedom in the First World War 1914-18.'

Meanwhile the council are now fundraising for the memorial books which will include short biographies of the fallen and also the 'forgotten heroes' of the conflict, the men who served and returned home.

Parish Councillor John Herbert said: "The aim is to remember them as everyday people from familiar places who became victims of a horrifying conflict and also to remind current and future generations of the human consequences of war."

Anyone interested in helping to raise funds can contact the parish clerk on 07944586075 or e-mail scarisbrickww1@outlook.com.

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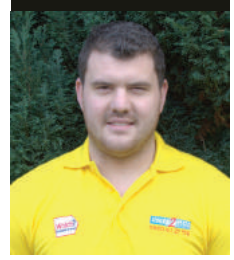

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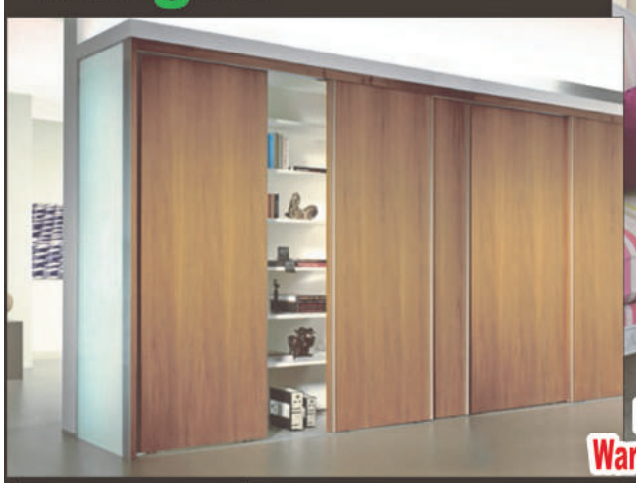

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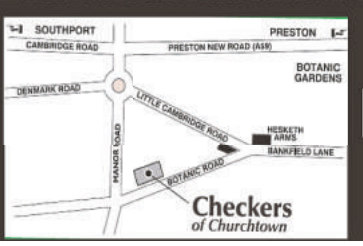

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Suspended sentence for 'recluse' who had indecent child images on two computers

A RECLUSE who was caught with hundreds of indecent images of children on his two computers walked free from court after a judge heard how he has sought professional help since his arrest.

By our **Court Reporter**

Matthew Curtin was told by the judge at Liverpool Crown Court that his behaviour warranted a custodial sentence but he was prepared to suspend it.

Curtin, 32, of Middlewood Road, Aughton, pleaded guilty to three offences of downloading indecent images in all three categories of seriousness and one of possessing them.

The court heard that police went to his home on April 9 last year seizing his two computers. They were examined and a total of 296 images of children were discovered.

Simon Duncan, prosecuting, said that the majority of the images, which were all in all three categories of seriousness, were videos.

Curtin was interviewed before the images had been examined and he made full admissions. He said he had been viewing such images for a year and "could not help himself."

Sentencing him to eight months imprisonment, suspended for two years, Judge Anil Murray said that he accepted that Curtin had no previous convictions and had taken steps to address his offending.

He ordered him to pay £600 prosecution costs and sign the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years. He also imposed a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for the same length of time.

Christopher McMaster, defending, said that Curtin, a supermarket shelf-stacker, was reclusive. He had lost contact with his friends and was confused about his orientation.

After his arrest he had paid £780 to go on a Lucy Faithful Foundation course to address his offending behaviour and had successfully completed the 10-week course.

Brewing up a boost for cancer research

A COFFEE evening is being held on Tuesday, July 26 at the Aughton Institute on Bold Lane to raise funds for lifesaving cancer research projects across the region.

The event, which starts at 7pm, has been organised by the Aughton Committee of North West Cancer Research who are celebrating their 50th year of fundraising for the charity.

All proceeds will go to North West Cancer Research to help facilitate vital cancer research projects, which will directly benefit those living in the region.

Admission is £2, payable on the door, and includes tea or coffee and bisicuits.

Guests will also be able to enjoy stalls offering homemade cakes, bric-a-brac, cards and books and take part in a tombola and raffle with prizes donated by members of the committee and local supporters.

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Civic seal for Get Active scheme

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage joined a celebration of making the borough more 'active' at Edge Hill University.

The event, at the university's Sporting Edge complex, was organised by the One West Lancs forum and health network, a partnership of local voluntary, public and business sectors formed in April 2013 dedicated to improving the quality of life for West Lancashire residents.

The group aims to reduce health inequalities, improve education, develop an action plan for transport within and connecting West Lancashire, and stand up for communities in the borough.

The theme of this year's event was 'Get Active' and topics included creating a business, starting or joining a voluntary and community group, improving social connectivity, growing food or getting involved in life-long learning.

All groups attending the forum could exhibit what they do and take part in a 'soap box' session in the lecture hall to show a short film to demonstrate or talk about what they are doing.

Delegates were invited to get active, either with a walk with pedometers around the running track, play visually impaired cricket or create a piece of art work on the theme of getting active, or to form an impromptu choir to rehearse and perform a melody of songs.

West Lancs Borough Council has successfully secured funding for a three-year Active West Lancs programme.

One West Lancs chairman Greg Mitten (left) with the mayor, Councillor Liz Savage and delegates at the'Get Active' forum

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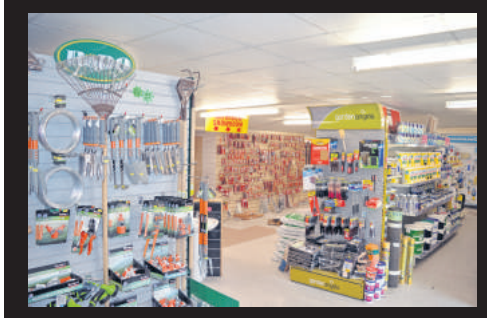

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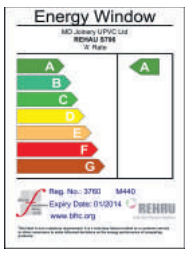

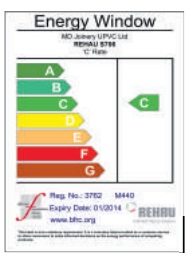

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County earns top marks for free early years education provision

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE is among the best places in the UK for good-quality free early education for under-fives, according to the latest figures from the Department for Education.

Their latest results show that more two, three, and four-year-old children in the county benefit from this provision than in other parts of the country.

In Lancashire, 98% of three and four-year-olds receive free early education places, compared to the latest national average of 95%.

The figures show that 69% of two-year-olds take up a place, compared to 68% nationally.

Ofsted also praised the quality of early education. Statistics show that 91% of three and four-year-old children benefit from good or outstanding provision in private, voluntary and independent settings, such as a nurseries, in Lancashire. Nationally, 86% are rated good or outstanding.

The same Ofsted statistics show that 90% of two-year-old children benefit from good or outstanding provision in private, voluntary and independent settings in Lancashire. Nationally the figure is 83%.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'd like to recognise the achievements of all our providers of free early education in Lancashire.

"Their hard work and dedication has raised the quality of our provision to a new high, which is reflected in the large numbers of families taking it up.

"To outstrip both the national average in terms of quality and take-up is a remarkable achievement.

"I'm really proud of these results. They are testament to the excellent partnership working between providers and the county council's Early Education Improvement team.

Rising

"It's great that the overall standard of childcare in Lancashire is up there with the best in the country, but we certainly won't rest on our laurels and will strive to improve our performance even further.

"Take-up of places has been rising for the last five years, along with the quality of those places.

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Current and past members of the Saracen's Head Bowling Club with (front from left) chairman Charlie Mason, vice-president Sylvia Thompson, president Hans Hanson and club captain Joyce Harding

Village bowlers' diamond milestone

DEDICATED trundlers at a village sporting club were bowled over when they celebrated a sparkling milestone.

Members of the Saracen's Head Bowling Club in Halsall enjoyed a special party to mark the club's 60th anniversary.

Club chairman Charlie Mason, president Hans Hanson, vice-president Sylvia Thompson and club captain, Joyce Harding were joined by members past and present to toast the occasion with Champagne and a celebratory cake - aptly featuring bowlers playing on a green!

Club secretary Eamon Duffy said: "The event went really well – and it didn't rain at all which was great!

"We have been based at the Saracen's Head since 1956 and currently have eight league bowling teams who play almost every day all over the area - from Liverpool to Rainford.

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Residents' concerns over bid to hold late-night events at garden centre

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS have objected to plans to hold late-night events at the Warbreck Garden Centre in Lathom.

Bosses at the location in Lyelake Lane have submitted proposals for a premises licence which would enable them to sell alcohol and provide entertainment.

The application has been put forward by the owners of Warbreck, Richard and Suzanne Allison. The couple, who live in Formby, want to hold evening events at the garden centre.

They had initially applied for the licence to run till 1am every day of the week, but after meeting with the council's senior environmental health officer, they agreed to alter the operating times on their proposals to 11pm Sunday to Wednesday and midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

However, nine representations have been received from members of the public along with two from Lathom South Parish Council and Paul Cotterill, Councillor for Bickerstaffe ward on behalf of some of the neighbours who live near the premises and are opposed to the application.

IMPACT

A 33-name petition against the granting of the application has also been received.

The residents have raised concerns about potential disturbance from noise and disorderly behaviour despite being advised of the new timings and conditions agreed between the applicant and environment protection.

Resident, Scott Craig, commented: "This is a complete change of usage of the garden centre and is not in keeping with its rural location. Warbreck Garden Centre over the last 10 years has aggressively expanded their business and this is already causing an impact on local residents with light and noise pollution but this is just a step too far.

"My main concerns will be the noise of revellers partying until 1am as the premises face my house. The other major concern will be the nuisance caused by the drunken revellers leaving the premises after they have stopped serving alcohol which will be past 1am.

"There will be noise and disturbance from taxis and cars leaving the premises all evening long and the overspill of people walking home down dark country roads and the potential hazard that it brings.

"The granting of this licence will have a direct negative impact on residents within a half-mile radius of the premises and gravely reduce the quality of life in a small rural area."

Gill Perkins, senior environmental health officer at West Lancs Council, listed a number of requests that the applicant should accept including that any outside area, which is used for the consumption of alcohol, shall cease to be so used at 10pm.

The application was due to be decided by the council's licensing sub-committee last night (Tuesday, July 19).

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Rotary awards for community-minded youngsters

Ellen, Sarah and Jacob receive their Rotary Junior Community Awards from the mayor, Cllr. Liz Savage watched by Ormskirk Rotarians Jim Smith and Hazel Lawrenson and head teacher Chris Hackett (left).

A TRIO of community-minded youngsters at a local primary school have been presented with awards after taking part in a scheme which aims to help them become better citizens.

Ellen, Sarah and Jacob, pupils at Burscough Lordsgate Township CE Primary, were presented with Rotary Club of Ormskirk Junior Community Awards by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage.

Junior Community Awards are given to Year 6 pupils who have taken part in a Rotary Club' roject which helps them to discover more about their local community and develop their personal skills.

Pupils at the school in Lordsgate Drive have been taking part in the annual scheme for the last three years.

The trio were also congratulated by Ormskirk Rotarians Jim Smith and Hazel Lawrenson and head teacher Chris Hackett.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Skem mourns the passing of town 'character' Tommy Parker

SKEM recently lost another of its great characters with the passing of Tommy Parker.

Tommy lost his battle against the curse of cancer at the far too young age of 58.

Although Tommy moved to Australia a few years ago his heart was always in Skem and it was a joy to see him when he returned for a visit just a few short months ago before he fell ill.

All Tommy's mates in Skem are devastated by the ultimately inevitable but still very sad news of Tommy's passing. We'll organise a get-together where we can have a drink and celebrate his life, because that's what Tommy would have wanted, being quite a decent drinker himself!

Our condolences go out to all Tommy's family - his brothers Ste and Rob, his sister Lynne, his sons Tom and Kev, his partner Annette and the many new friends he'd made in Australia.

If I may, I'd like to finish this tribute to Tommy with one of the many funny stories about the lovable nutcase.

Tommy used to drink in a Skem pub, which for reasons of protecting the landlady who ran it at the time, shall remain nameless.

Tommy was stood at the bar enjoying a well-earned drink having finished a hard day's joinery. His coat was on the floor next to him when the said landlady said to him: "You can't put your coat on the floor."

As there were no coat hooks Tommy replied: "There's nowhere to hang it."

"You'll have to hang it somewhere" came the reply from the landlady.

So Tommy delved into his tool bag producing a hammer and a six-inch nail, drove the nail into the wooden beam above the bar and hung his coat on it.

"There! It's hung up now! That better for you?"

Typical Tommy - legend. We'll all miss him. RIP, Tommy, YNWA.

Peter Etherington, Uppingham, Skelmersdale

Why have they taken our sign down?

WHEN did our sign go?

When we drive off the Stannaught Road roundabout and up Windmill Toad we used to have a lovely sign that said plainly, Up Holland.

It made a lovely difference. It made us realise that we never lived in Skelmersdale.

Something that we paid a premium on our houses to not live in Skelmersdale, or be associated with it.

The sign that gave us Up Holllanders a boundary away from the close proximity to Skem.

We have a gentle reminder that we are re-entering Skelmersdale on the way down Windmill Road, but not a welcome home.

Several of our Up Holland friends would like the sign back. It was already there, a little thing that makes us proud of where we live.

The upkeep of the sign is non-existent, why was it taken down?

Ron Dennis, Daybrook, Up Holland

PICTURE of the week

A walk through the wild grass 'maze' - one of the activities organised by Friends of Bedford Park who joined in Love Parks Week which runs until July 24. The national event, now in it's 10th year, promotes the importance of the UK's parks and green spaces.

Bus users' views wanted on revised services

IN response to requests from West Lancs residents Lancashire County Council agreed to reinstate some of the subsidy to support a revised 3A service 'to operate between Burscough, Skelmersdale and Appley Bridge, changing from three to two buses. Connections were made with the commercial Service 2A at Burscough for through journeys to Ormskirk'.

This is the position of the county council at present, and I understand that having made some alterations to the service the county wish to keep this under review.

I am aware of comments from some residents that this is not working, for instance, that the 3A and 2A services are not connecting up in Burscough.

I would like to encourage anyone who has used this service now or in the past to comment on the usefulness of the present route.

Lancashire County Council need to know whether it is meeting the needs of residents. You can send your comments to: 'Public and Integrated Transport, Community Services at Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Cynthia Dereli, West Lancashire West ward

Concourse bike ban is a negative move

THE Concourse has already, temporarily, halted progress in Skelmersdale's redevelopment and now they have banned cycles from the centre.

I believe that this is yet another negative move by the Concourse management. I have personally used the cycle stand at the rear of the Concourse and can tell everyone that it is almost useless.

It could not have cost very much to install. The stand consists of a very low wedge for a wheel to fit in to. But it is so low and small that it offers very little or no support for the bicycle at all.

The Concourse management has, for many years, neglected to place well-designed cycle stands inside the centre which would offer shelter from the elements and security from their security personnel.

Come on, Concourse management - if you want to be part of a 'progressive Skelmersdale' start to show it. You owe it to the people of Skelmersdale.

Ron Webster, Skelmersdale

Speed limits are pointless if they aren't enforced

WHAT is the point of marking local side roads with a 20mph limit when it is never enforced?

Black Moss Lane with its narrow bridge on a blind bend seems to attract wannabe racing drivers who obviously mistake the 20 for a 40.

A bit of police presence would not go amiss.

K. O'Brien, Black Moss Lane, Ormskirk

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Good luck to Scouts district youth commissioner Rebecca

I RECENTLY read your article concerning the work of Edge Hill student Rebecca Webster who is the new District Youth Commissioner for the Scouts in West Lancashire.

As a young boy of 11, I was a member of the 7th Wigan All Saints Group and at 14 I volunteered for weekend work at Bispham Hall, which was then the South West Lancs official campsite and was for the use of Wigan, Warrington, St Helens, Ormskirk, Southport, and Widnes, as well as youngsters from Liverpool areas. We also had campers from Ireland and the US air force base at Burtonwood.

I started the 3rd Wigan St Thomas's group, closed during the second world war, when I was 19 and at 21 I was appointed a commissioner at Bispham Hall.

After I married I became Group Scout Leader of the 1st Up Holland, then under Wigan district, but was forcefully moved to Ormskirk district by the Boundary Commission.

My late wife was a hard-working fundraiser and later became the manager of a Wigan Scout shop.

In my 60s, along with other retirees, I helped to maintain the HQ in Wigan.

My son became an assistant district commissioner with Ormskirk and the county and led parties of young men and teenagers to learn canoeing and caving. One party he led went to build a school in a remote part of Africa.

A good number of the youngsters that I had the pleasure to teach skills to now have well-paid jobs in the UK and abroad and many went on to university.

I am now 78 and still support the movement. If Miss Webster can achieve what she has set out to do, I wish her all the best for the future.

We need more young people like her to encourage our up-and-coming generations to do something better in life.

If you can offer any support then please do. I know that the system works.

R. Marsh, Up Holland

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Council issue stern warning to fly-tippers

DON'T come to West Lancashire to dump your rubbish or you'll pay the price!

That's the message to out-of-borough fly-tippers from the council who are warning that anyone caught illegally dumping waste in West Lancs face heavy fines.

The authority has issued the stern warning - which applies equally to residents - after carrying out two successful prosecutions against men from Merseyside who fly-tipped waste in West Lancashire.

Ormskirk Magistrates Court heard that Robert Jones, of Goldie Street, Anfield, Liverpool was captured on CCTV going to and from The Runnels in Halsall to fly-tip 70 tyres.

Mr Jones didn't attend court but was found guilty of fly-tipping in his absence. He was fined £1,760, and ordered to pay £587.27 costs and a £120 victim surcharge, making a a total of £2,467.27.

In another case on the same day the court heard that Abdellatif Lemsatef, of Kensington, Liverpool, was caught on CCTV in the act of dumping a couch in Great Altcar.

Mr Lemsatef also didn't attend court and was found guilty of fly-tipping in his absence. He was fined £1,100, and ordered to pay costs £502.72 and a victim surcharge of £110.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "These are the latest prosecutions obtained by the council with regards to rubbish being disposed of illegally in West Lancashire.

"These cases send a warning to people from outside the borough that if they are caught dumping waste here they are likely to pay a high price for their actions.

An image of fly tipping on White Moss Road, Skelmersdale last year

"The council takes a hard-line approach on these matters, whether the offenders live in West Lancashire or out of the area, and the environmental enforcement team will take action against the culprits wherever possible."

Reminder

Tackling fly-tipping is in line with the Council Plan.

The council would also like to remind all householders that they need to make sure any waste that they have removed is disposed of legally.

Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carrier's licence and give waste transfer notes to whomever they take waste from.

Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a licence by contacting the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or going on their website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

If you think waste has been disposed of illegally then you can report this to the council 24 hours a day on the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping; or by calling 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

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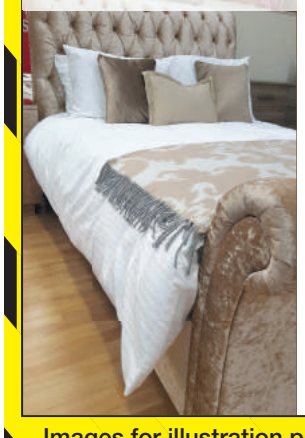

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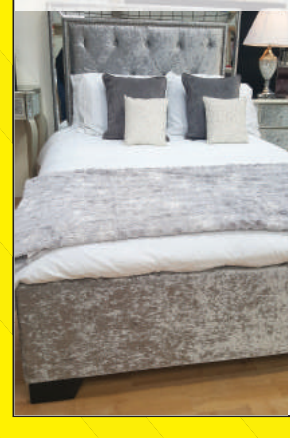

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County council wins national award for scheme to prevent falls

LANCASHIRE County Council has won a national award for its service to prevent people being injured in falls.

The scheme, called Steady On, won the Preventing Avoidable Harms category at the 2016 Patient Safety awards last week.

Steady On is delivered in partnership with the NHS. Running in East Lancashire since 2012, it was introduced across the rest of the county in June.

The scheme provides specific workshops to raise awareness of fall risk factors and how to prevent them; one-to-one home visits for people at higher risk, and advice and information at community events.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "People aren't always aware of how traumatic falls can be. They can cause serious injuries and massive disruption to people's lives.

"The Steady On scheme is an important part of our plans to ensure people stay fit and well and continue to live independently in their own home for as long as possible. We identify people who may be at risk of being injured by a fall and run group sessions providing practical advice that will help them, and the people who care for them, to ensure their home is safe.

County Councillor Azhar Ali

"For those who have already had a fall or are more likely to fall, we will organise a home visit where a trained health professional can assess hazards and put people in touch with local organisations that will help with measures such as minor adaptations, eye tests and helping people be physically active."

The Patient Safety Awards were presented in Manchester with more than 650 submissions whittled down to 170 in the final stage before 18 winners were chosen.

The awards are organised by the Health Service Journal and Nursing Times. Alastair McLellan, editor of the Health Service Journal, and Jenni Middleton, editor of Nursing Times, said: "Each of the winners have demonstrated excellence in their particular field of expertise at a time when budgets and other constraints have made it harder than ever to provide safe, effective care."

Commenting on Lancashire County Council's entry, the judges said: "Fantastic multi-agency approach county-wide. Superb first level intervention, co-designed and co-produced with patients and families. An excellent example of the power of sharing data."

Charity says 44% of cancer patients in region not told about possible side effects of treatment

NEARLY half of cancer patients in the North West say that future side effects of treatment were not fully explained to them, according to a survey.

Responding to the Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) for England, cancer charity Macmillan estimates that, among those who felt they needed it, 44% of cancer patients in the region say they didn't receive adequate information about potential long-term side effects such as heart conditions, incontinence or infertility.

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Old age care concerns

ONE in five people in the North West have no idea who will care for them in old age, according to a survey for private healthcare group Bupa.

Nearly three quarters (72%) think they will have care needs in older age, but only around half (48%) expect their family to care for them.

The survey also reveals that old age is a regular consideration, with 21% of respondents thinking about what life will be like in old age a few times a week – 14% think about it every day.

The research reveals that just over a quarter (27%) of respondents feel older people are valued by society.

Professor Graham Stokes, Bupa's global director of dementia care, says: "The perception that older people aren't valued by society is concerning and needs to be addressed.

"The proportion of people over 80 is expected to increase almost fourfold over the next 50 years, the role they play as well as their needs and desires should be recognised.

"It's clear from the research that people have some realistic concerns about their needs and potential health challenges in old age."

New fund could help borough's needy stay warm this winter

'FUEL-poor' residents in the borough are being urged to take advantage of a new funding scheme to winter-proof their homes this summer - before the cold weather kicks in.

Qualifying homeowners and tenants across Lancashire can apply for the new fund to install first-time central heating systems to properties.

The Central Heating Fund, secured by the Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) partnership, will be managed by Blackburn with Darwen Council, but will be open to all qualifying residents from the 14 local council areas in the county.

The £2.25m pot is expected to supply and fit 900 new central heating systems before the start of the autumn.

To qualify, residents must be classed as 'fuel-poor' meaning that the cost of keeping their house warm pushes them below the poverty line.

This is the case for around 71,000 homes in Lancashire.

Residents receiving benefits such as pension credit, child tax credit, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income support, working tax credits or universal credit may also be eligible.

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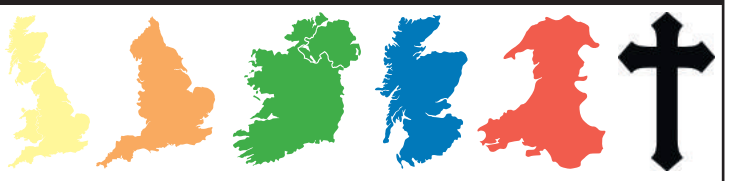

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Police commissioner welcomes 60 new recruits to force

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

SIXTY new recruits joining Lancashire's police force have been welcomed by the ccounty's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

As part of his commitment to defending frontline policing, the commissioner is investing £2m in the workforce.

The new officers, who are now undergoing training, will be followed by another 120 officers by January 2017.

The force was inundated with applications following the recruitment campaign announced last year to replace retiring officers or those who have recently left the force.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Policing is changing and these recruits are joining at a challenging but exciting time for Lancashire Police. I have fought hard to protect funding for the police and safeguard vital jobs so I am delighted to be welcoming our newest officers.

"Residents rightly value having a visible police presence and we need to invest now to maintain officer numbers over the coming months. These officers have a vital role to play in keeping Lancashire safe and I'd like to congratulate them on getting through the recruitment process and wish them luck for future."

Chief constable Steve Finnigan added: "The way we police our communities has changed significantly over recent years and we were keen to recruit resilient individuals with a high level of empathy to meet the demands of modern-day policing.

"All those recruited have extensive experience of dealing with vulnerable members of the community, in particular those with a background in mental health. We'd like to wish them all the very best in their future police career."

Following their training, all student officers will work with a tutor constable for 10 weeks, before they are assessed prior to being signed off for independent patrol. They will then serve a two-year probationary period.

The recruits will be posted across the region and some will join the force's Early Action teams working to help prevent people from becoming vulnerable members of society or entering a life of crime by intervening before individuals reach crisis point.

Comissioner Clive Grunshaw and Lancashire Police chiefs with some of the new recruits at their attestation ceremony

CPS report shows region has highest conviction rate for hate crime

THE North West of England has the highest conviction rate for hate crime prosecutions, according to a report published by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

In the past year, 87% of hate crimes prosecuted in Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria resulted in a conviction. Nationally there were convictions in 83.2% of hate crime prosecutions.

The report also shows that the CPS in the North West prosecuted more cases of disability hate crime last year than in 2014/15 and achieved an improved conviction rate of 81.5% for these offences.

There has also been an improvement in the conviction rate in the North West for homophobic and transphobic hate crime, with convictions in nearly 86% of cases, and in crimes against older people with a conviction rate of 85.1%.

Claire Lindley, chief crown prosecutor, CPS North West Area, said: "Hate crime creates fear. It is an attack on the identity of the person who has been targeted and it has a devastating impact on people's lives and on communities.

"In the past year 87% of hate crime prosecutions in the North West have resulted in a conviction. I hope this report will give people in the North West confidence that when they report a hate crime it will be taken seriously and I hope it will encourage others who have been the victim of a hate crime incident to report it to police.

"It also sends a warning to those who abuse or assault someone because of hate or prejudice: where we have evidence we will bring prosecutions."

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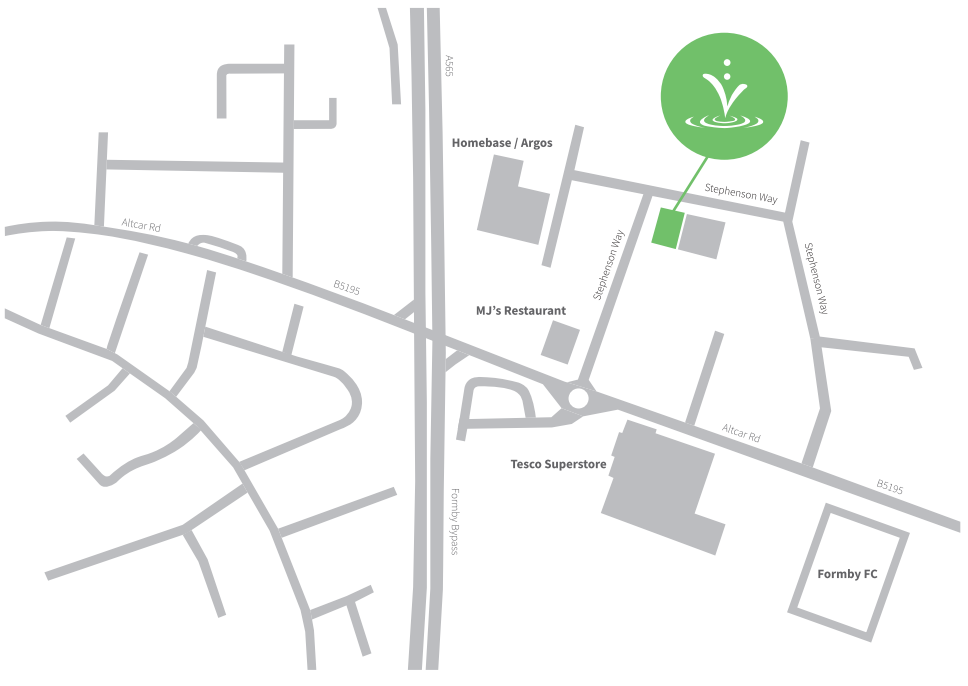

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College learners dig in to give community centre gardens a welcome makeover

The Pathways learners at the Birchwood Centre, Skelmersdale

Mission accomplished!

PATHWAY learners at West Lancashire College have recently completed their community project at the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale.

During the course of the project the learners, aged 16 to 18, studying Pathways entry three, level one and two, have been able to explore their strengths and develop skills that are transferable to other programmes of study.

The community project focuses largely on their teamwork skills and they have undertaken a wide range of fundraising activities, including a fitness challenge and raffle in college in order to buy the equipment required to complete the project.

Learners have been working on renovating the three gardens at the Birchwood Community Centre. The team made improvements to the practical facilities and boundaries, lawns and patio areas. They worked hard to clear weeds and design and build flower beds.

Barbara Mooney, manager at the Birchwood Centre, said: "The Pathways learners and staff have made a huge difference to the gardens at the centre. They are now pleasant places for young people to sit, socialise and chill out.

"This has taken real hard work and tenacity and they made a brilliant effort to fundraise to pay for the materials they needed.

"The staff and residents are very grateful for their contribution. It was a pleasure to have them at the centre, their enthusiasm and humour was inspiring. They are a credit to the college."

Course tutors, Ryan, Tina and Nikie, added: "We are all very proud of what the learners have achieved. They all worked extremely hard, have worked well as a team and have all been a pleasure to work with."

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Beatles and fish take centre stage at Summer auction

A prized collection of Beatles memorabilia, including a signed personal letter from Sir Paul McCartney, was auctioned at Thomas Watsons of Darlington for more than £1,700, closely followed by a preserved 102-year-old trout that sold for a whopping £1,300.

The Beatles lots – that also featured several signed photographs of the band and some early edition singles – were collected by a fan who wrote to Paul McCartney just as The Beatles were becoming popular in the early 1960s and he replied from his Liverpool address with a letter and some photos.

The lady went on to meet Paul McCartney on several occasions and bought all The Beatles' later hit singles – some of which were also signed. A selection of these records formed part of the collection, which was sold at the Summer Antiques Catalogue Sale on 21 June to an Internet bidder.

David Elstob, auctioneer and valuer at Thomas Watsons, said the auction house was delighted to have been asked by the owner (who still lives in Liverpool), to sell these treasures. "It was a strange sensation to hold in your hands items signed by the Fab Four. The letter itself contained chatty phrases such as "nice to hear from you", "cheerio" and "good luck" and was signed off "Love Paul McCartney xxx".

"It's interesting to know that the band did enter into such personal correspondence with their fans and gives a fascinating insight into the more human side of the megastardom that was to accompany Beatlemania," he added.

The letter itself sold for £800 and two early, signed singles – Please Please Me (1963) and From Me To You (1963) – reached £180 and £220 respectively. The total amount bid for the collection was £1,725.

If The Beatles were the human stars of the Summer Catalogue Sale then another more surprising result came from the sale of a preserved trout caught just over a century ago by a fisherman named Alan Rigsby on Lough Mask in County Mayo, Ireland in June 2014.

Now displayed in a bow fronted case with a label identifying the taxidermist as J Cooper & Sons, 28 Radnor Street, St Lukes, London, the trout sold way above its guide price of £300 to £500 and was finally knocked down for £1,300. Its original weight was 4lb.

Jewellery and watches also reached high prices in the Summer Antiques Sale, which is one of the auction house's four prestigious seasonal catalogue sales. A Breguet gentleman's 18 carat gold wristwatch reached £3,200 and a Jaeger Le Coultre gentleman's stainless steel wristwatch sold for £2,600.

Vintage trout: A 102-year-old trout reached £1,300 in the Summer Antiques Catalogue Sale.

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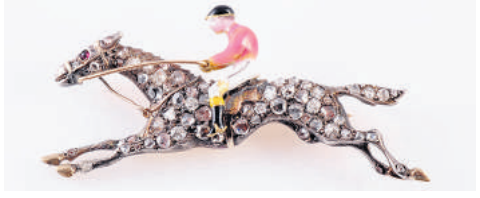

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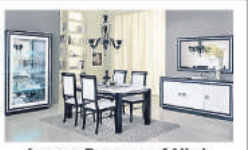

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My 'Micawber Hat' has lost its magic touch!

I WAS thumbing through some old editions of the Champion last night and came across a 'Dog' column where I was banging on about my 'Micawber Hat' and its efficacy in ensuring that no matter how bleak the prospect, something would turn up. Oh, happy days.

I'm afraid the old hat seems to have become a bit shabby and mildewed of late. Certainly things continue to turn up, but the poor old thing seems to have forgotten that what you are after are good things to turn up, not a succession of bad ones.

In fact, this year started quite well, with the prospects for the coming summer seeming good, the two (hairy) dogs being taken for nice long walks and my house supplied with electricity!

I wish I could turn the clock back, say to the beginning of March. But that's one thing the 'Micawber Hat' couldn't do, even in its prime.

Actually, re-reading what I have written it does give the impression of maudlin self-pity, and I suppose to an extent that is just what I feel. After all, all the plans I was busy making for this summer have gone right out of the window.

The flesh may be somewhat weak but the spirit is still willing. Every couple of weeks I re-write my plans for what is left of the summer in the hope that they may still come true.

I am still determined that my 51-year-old motor cruiser, *Manxman* will attend a gathering of classic wooden boats at Beccles in Suffolk in company with our sister ship, *Mona's Queen*, towards the end of September, come rain or high water! And if for any further calamitous reason I don't, the 'Micawber Hat' is in great danger of becoming a feature at some Bonfire Night party!

But enough of this, let's get onto shopping. I am not one of those people who spends hours looking for bargains but I keep my eyes open and have a fair idea of where a real bargain can be had.

I happen to like - very much - cranberry juice (the relatively expensive brand simply because it has more cranberries in it). I was in a well-known supermarket the other day (to be fair it could have been any well-known supermarket) and spotted a shopper with a litre box of said juice in her basket. I could, and probably should, have pointed out that instead of spending well over £1, she could have nipped more or less across the road to one of the 'cheap shops' and bought a 1.5 litre box of the same stuff for exactly £1!

I didn't because I didn't want to give offence. There are still folk around who don't want cut-price shops in their shopping centre, lowers the tone don't you know?

But to be fair, these days even the big boys like Sainsbury's, Morrisons and Tesco do have their bargains, if you look. The only difficulty with that I have found is that it's all too easy to end up with a heap of 'bargains' that you didn't really want.

Anyway, back to the hat...

Over the years it has always been a good friend to me, so I suppose I should make allowances. Trouble is that if you have an old friend who has helped you out of many a scrape going right back to your school days, you come to depend on it. And since the 'Micawber Hat' is just a figment of my imagination (a useful one though) I suppose in the end it comes back once again to my dear old mum and her 'It's your own fault!'

So, looking back, I suppose are my various problems of today, though to be fair most of them would hardly have been easily apparent at the time. I have known since I was a young man that I have (or had) high blood pressure. And by the year 2016, I reckoned that since it had done me no apparent harm in 69 years, it was hardly a big worry. Silly boy.

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Care home initiative is helping to bridge the generation gap

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Abbey Wood Lodge resident Ron Snowdon enjoys time with mum and baby group member Linzie Stock and her daughter Sophie

MUMS and babies have been enjoying getting involved in an initiative aimed at bringing together different generations of the community.

Staff at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road, Ormskirk launched their Connecting Generations initiative earlier this year to help their elderly residents and friends to spend more time with younger members of the community.

And they teamed up with Dimples Childminders in Ormskirk to hold monthly group sessions with residents, mums-to-be, mums and their babies and toddlers.

Lesley Malone, events co-ordinator at Abbey Wood Lodge, said: "This has been a fantastic initiative for the residents, especially when you hear them telling stories about when their own children and grandchildren were teething, having high fevers or not sleeping at night.

"We are hoping to extend the initiative by teaming up with primary and secondary schools, colleges and Edge Hill University."

Gaye Clark, head of Athena Healthcare Group, which runs the home, added: "We intend to carry on bridging the generation gap between our residents and the younger generation in the community and involve families in order to carry on the full active quality of lifestyle the homes residents are having.

"Anybody who would like to is welcome to come along and be part of the group."

Civic recognition for Timesavers team

Councillor Furey with members of Timesavers and their awards

THE Deputy Mayor of West Lancs has presented awards to members of a West Lancs charity for adults with learning disabilities.

Councillor Neil Furey attended a volunteer awards evening at the borough council's offices in Ormskirk for members of Timesavers, a charity which aims to help adults with learning disabilities to gain employment by giving them work experience.

Earlier this year, the West Lancs charity, set up by a group of parents in 2010, was awarded £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to fund sessional workers, travel and office materials.

Charity trustee, Edward McCarthy, said: "Timesavers members received a certificate and had their photograph taken with the deputy mayor before enjoying a light buffet and drinks in the mayor's parlour."

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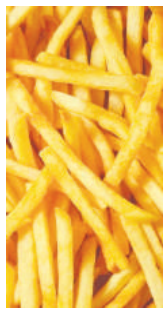

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Young divers aim to make a splash...

Young divers Jenna and Holly pictured with Commonwealth Games champion Jack Laughter

TWO talented youngsters from West Lancashire are aiming to make a splash in the world of diving after training with double Commonwealth Games champion Jack Laughter.

Jenna Byrne, 11 and nine-year-old Holly Curran, who are members of Burscough Diving Club (formerly Diving 4 Fun) were invited to train with Team GB divers at the Leeds Elite Beacon Training Programme by national diving coach, Ady Hinchclife.

The girls, who are currently the North West regional champions for their age groups, will attend weekly sessions led by members of the GB coaching team. Over the next few months, they will have their progress monitored and assessed to help them to hone their skills.

A club spokesman said: "During their first session, Jack Laughter, arguably the No. 1 diver in the world on the three-metre springboard, took time out of his busy schedule while training with his GB teammates for this year's Olympics in Rio.

"Both girls only started a structured programme last November so for them to be invited to attend the Beacon programme - who only invite the best young divers - is a real credit to their talent and dedication.

"Hopefully in a few years if they continue to develop we will see our small club who train at the Nye Bevan Pool in Skelmersdale represented at the Olympics."

Historian gives talk on horrors of the Somme

Bill Huyton shows a British sniper's scope to 15-year-old Tom Ward with historians Richard Hoghton, Jean Gidman and Pam Nanson looking on

CHAIRMAN of the Ormskirk and District Family History Society, Bill Huyton gave a talk entitled 'A different appreciation of the Somme' at the town's libary in Burscough Street.

As well as describing the horrors faced by soldiers going 'over the top', the talk outlined some of the reasons for the battle in northern France which started on July 1, 1916.

Bill also showed photographs of the area as it is now and spoke about his great-uncle who was born in Aughton and died at the battle while serving with the Salford Pals.

Local historian Richard Houghton also gave a display with more details of men from Ormskirk and the surrounding areas who fought during the battle which raged for 141 days until November.

Members of the WLMGOC displayed their beloved motors at the Cross House Inn in Formby

Formby date for car enthusiasts

MEMBERS of the West Lancs MG Owners' Club held their latest monthly meeting at the Cross House Inn in Formby.

Steve Kirton from the club said: "The Cross House Inn is a traditional pub which was a very attractive Victorian house in its day. The weather was still very sunny when we arrived and although turning a little grey as the night fell in, it was still warm enough to sit out with a light jacket or jumper.

"Nineteen members turned out, plus another two prospective members and the cars on show were one MG TA, two MGFs, six MGBs, a RV8, two MG TFs and one MG Midget, along with a trusty VW camper van and a BMW Z4.

"The line-up caused quite a stir with many visitors coming out of the pub and coming over for a chat.

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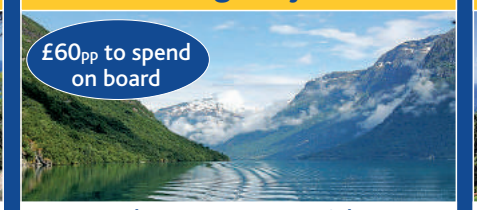

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Pals' grand effort for charity

FIVE workmates who teamed up to tackle a fun run raised more than £1,000 for a West Lancs-based charity.

Andrew Youds, Rachael Carragher, Jess Griffin, Ciaran Lea, Harry Lea and Steven Lynch, who all work at NSW Properties in Ormskirk, took part in the Southport 10k Run aiming to raise around £500 for Rainbow House in Mawdesley, which offers rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions.

But the fab five have already more than doubled their target figure with £1,086 raised to date and donations are still coming in.

Andrew, Jess and Ciaran - visited Rainbow House to see the facilities and meet the staff.

Fundraisers Jess Griffin, Andrew Youds and Ciaran Lea pictured with Rainbow House's Serena Hainsworth (2nd right)

Still no plan to end floods misery, says MP

DESPITE holding talks with the relevant government minister and chairing a forum for local agencies, Rosie Cooper believes they are no nearer to finding a solution to the recurring flooding problems suffered by the borough.

The West Lancs MP said the only answer from the agencies seemed to be that residents and businesses should get their own sandbags and help each other!

The MP recently met with Rory Stewart, parliamentary under-secretary of state with responsibility for floods and water at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, seeking action to help local communities devastated by flooding and for support ahead of five satellite pumping stations being turned off in 2017.

But following the meeting she said: "It is clear the government policy is one of clean up and repair rather than prevention when it comes to flooding.

"From speaking to the minister his opinion is that local agencies can and should be doing more in times of floods and in flood prevention. He said the strategic lead flood authority, Lancashire County Council, should be actually taking the lead in the emergency response when there is flooding and that it's their job to help people, not just collect the data and write the reports afterwards, which I think will come as a surprise to them.."

Bringing the minister's message back to West Lancs, Ms Cooper organised and chaired a flooding forum attended by representatives of key local agencies and 29 local residents from across the borough who have been affected by flooding.

Rosie Cooper pictured with Keith Ashcroft of the Environment Agency and minister Rory Stewart at the meeting in the Commons.

Summarising the outcome of the forum, the MP said: "Understandably residents feel angry and alone - we heard of homes being flooded on six occasions!

"West Lancashire has been hit by severe flooding in 2012, Boxing Day 2015 and in June 2016 but still no lessons have been learned, there are no apparent improvements and no progress on addressing long-term problems such as infrastructure capacity.

"Residents also wanted to know why Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency had bought a pump for Croston whilst West Lancashire is facing having five pumps turned off."

The forum was attended by representatives from the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Lancashire Police, the National Farmers Union, United Utilities and West Lancashire Borough Council. A further meeting will be held in November.

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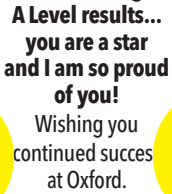
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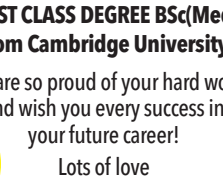
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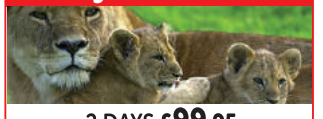
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Date revealed for H'boro 96 to be awarded Freedom of Liverpool

Report by **Tom Martin**

The Hillsborough 96 will be honoured in September

A DATE has been revealed for when the 96 Hillsborough victims will be awarded the Freedom of the City of Liverpool.

Those who were tragically killed, along with key campaigners who fought for truth and justice, will be given the special honour at the city's St George's Hall on Thursday, September 22.

During the service, families of the 96 will receive a specially designed scroll and a unique medal with the name of their loved one inscribed on it.

Joining them in receiving the highest civic honour will be Kenny and Marina Dalglish, former Edge Hill University staff member, Professor Phil Scraton, and the Right Reverend Bishop James Jones.

Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, said: "When we announced we intended to give the 96 and the key Hillsborough campaigners Freedom of the City back in May, we received an overwhelming reaction from people who were proud that Liverpool was acknowledging these individuals in this special way.

"The Hillsborough campaign was a long, heartbreaking journey for all involved. It seemed fitting that after the latest inquests brought the families the truth and justice outcome that they had fought so hard for, we mark this monumental moment by awarding the 96, and those outstanding individuals who have given them their support, with the city's highest honour.

"The 96 paid the ultimate price for the failings and actions of others, and I hope this tribute will show their families and friends that this city will never forget them, and that we thank those individuals who fought for the truth and played a pivotal role in the 27 year campaign."

The medals and framed scrolls will be on public display a day before on Wednesday, September 21 between 10am and 5pm at Liverpool Town Hall.

Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Roz Gladden, said: "To be Lord Mayor at a time when we are bestowing the city's highest civic honour on the 96 and those who played a key role in the fight for justice is an incredible honour. I'm sure it will be an emotional evening and I'm proud to represent the city as we pay this special tribute."

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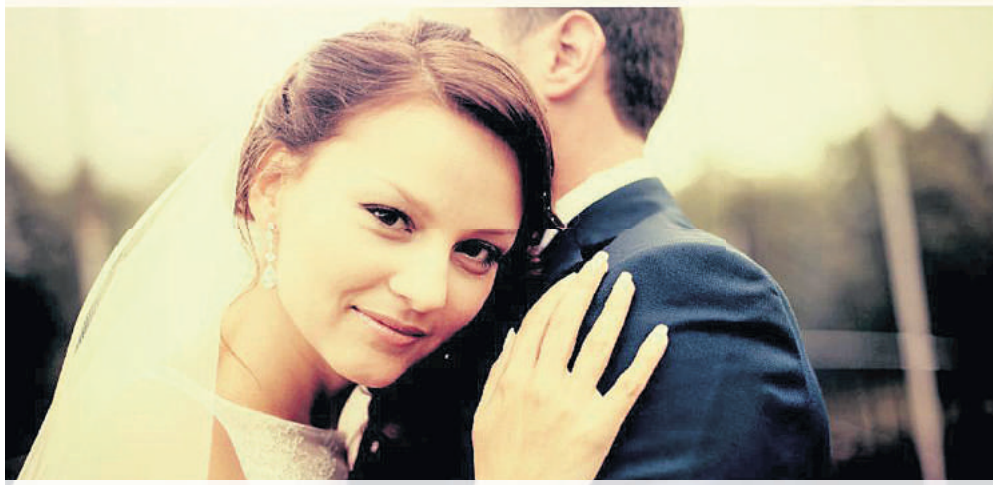

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Martin Mere news

Kingfishers have been delighting visitors to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this week by feeding and displaying in front of the hides.

Reserve Manager, Tom Clare, said: "Everyone loves to see kingfishers and it is great that more and more of these birds are using the site as a feeding site, we have had definite sightings of two females and one male. We have been putting out extra kingfisher perches to ensure our visitors can get really good photographs of them."

The kingfishers are being seen regularly from the Ron Barker hide on the nature trail and the centre has been getting lots of positive comments from visitors. Jill Rigby, from Bickerstaffe, said: "I have always wanted to see a kingfisher and I really wasn't disappointed, it was absolutely fantastic and I am still talking about it a week later."

The two kingfishers in the photograph, taken by Paul Scott, are believed to be two females, one adult and one juvenile – you can tell the difference between males and females due to the orange colouration on the lower bill; males have a pure black bill.

Tom continued:"It is a great time to come and see this amazing bird and its bright blue and orange colours, you will need to be patient, but you won't be disappointed".

In other news at the centre, the nine GIANT LEGO® Brick Animals are all in their new homes for the summer in the grounds at Martin Mere. You can come along all summer to meet them including Fred the Frog, Kate the Kingfisher and Natalie the Nene and get a nature explorer sticker for completing the LEGO brick animal trail and 7 other activities to become a gold Nature Explorer at our daily award ceremony.

Starting from Saturday 23 July, Martin Mere will be running two LEGO workshops everyday at 11am and 1pm. Our one hour workshops are perfect for young LEGO® fans, completing three exciting challenges: making ducklings, cars and your own frog and fly to take home. Spaces are limited so it is advised to book online at wwt.org.uk/martinmere before you visit. The cost is £8.50 per child and it is advised for ages over 4.

WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

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Katie Maddison (front) with guests at the Rainbow House Summer Ball

Summer ball raises £16,300 for charity

OFFICIALS of a West Lancashire-based charity are celebrating after an annual fundraising event raked in a five-figure sum.

The Summer Ball, held at Formby Hall Golf Resort and Spa, raised a grand total of £16,300 for the Rainbow House charity in Salt Pit Lane, Mawdesley, which offers rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions.

The event is organised by Lisa and Paul Maddison whose nine-year-old daughter Katie has attended conductive education sessions at the charity since she was 18 months old.

During the evening, Katie used the parallel bars to show guests the progress she has made thanks to the charity.

After enjoying a welcome drink on arrival, 200 guests sat down to a three-course dinner followed by live entertainment from Viva Brasil dancers, who gave their time as a donation to the charity. There was also an auction, with prizes including a moped, glass sculptures and a diamond pendant.

Carole Cochrane, chief executive at Rainbow House, said "It was a lovely evening and everyone had a great time

"Our thanks go to Lisa and Paul Maddison for their hard work in making the event so successful and to all the guests for helping raise such a fantastic amount."

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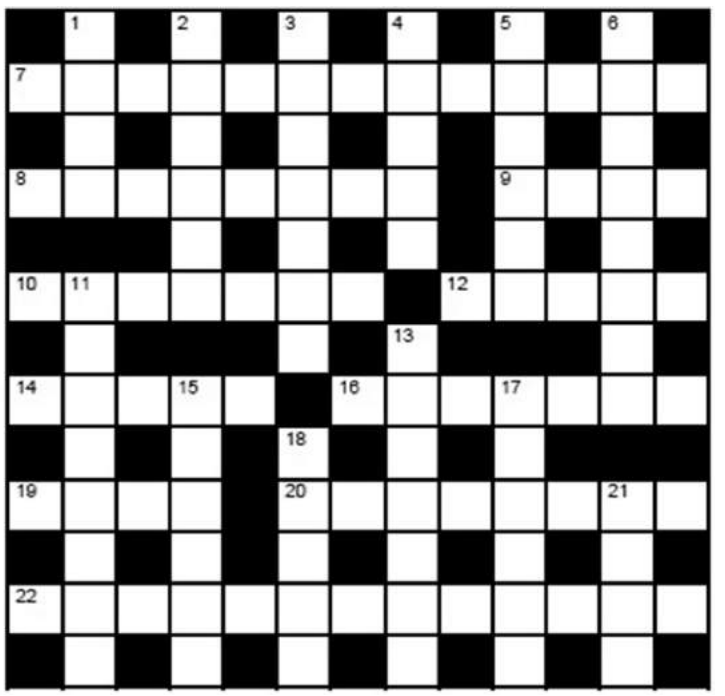

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Napalm. 8 Chorus. 9 Ramp. 10 Nominate. 11 Riposte. 13 Jemmy. 15 Tight. 16 Chimera. 18 Air miles. 19 Monk. 21. Ethnic. 22 Coeval.

Down: 1 Saga. 2 Rapprochement. 3 Amenity. 4 Scamp. 5 Founder member. 6 Customer. 12 Initiate. 14 Physics. 17 Place. 20 Neat.

ACROSS

7 Pure (13)
8 The act of fainting (8)
9 An indefinite and very long period of time (4)
10 West Indian song style often with improvised words on a tropical theme (7)
12 Cup or chalice believed to have been used by Christ at the Last Supper (5)
14 Particular branch of study or sphere of activity or interest (5)
16 Figure denoting a number (7)
19 Obtain or secure (4)
20 Underlying (8)
22 Official document confirming a level of achievement or status (13)

DOWN

1 Persistently nibble at (4)
2 Folly (6)
3 Regular oval shape (7)
4 Narrow horizontal surface projecting from a cliff or wall (5)
5 Marketplace in Middle Eastern countries (6)
6 Wheat grains used in puddings and pasta (8)
11 Flustered (8)
13 Legal administration of right or fairness (7)
15 End to end measurement (6)
17 Latin term for a list of corrected errors appended to a book (6)
18 Drink heartily (5)
21 Woodwind instrument (4)

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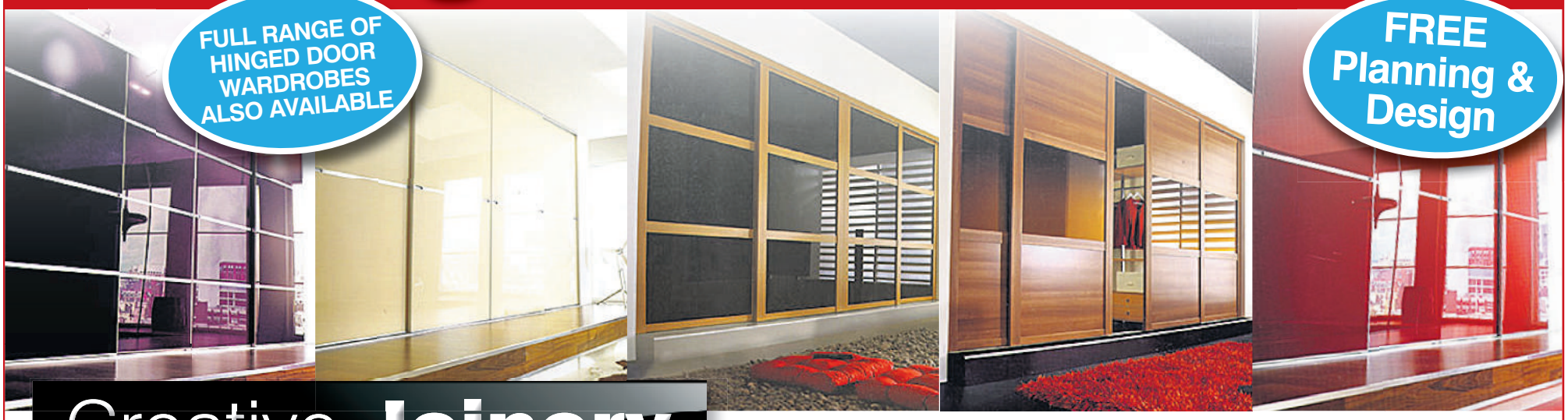

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Parkrunners' silent tribute to victims of Nice terror attack

MEMBERS of a running club in Ormskirk held a minute's silence for the 84 victims of the Nice terror attack at their weekly run at the weekend.

Following the attack on Thursday (July 14) Ormskirk Parkrun director Peter Dolan decided to remove the club's 'Bastille Day' theme for their run on the Saturday (July 16).

Originally they had planned to celebrate the occasion lightheartedly by singing French songs and running in stereotypically French clothing, including berets.

The Ormskirk Parkrun is a 5k run for all ages and abilities held each Saturday at Edge Hill University along the trail around the edge of the playing field.

One of the organisers, Paul Cotterill, told the Champion: "We hold the run each week and we often give a nod to topical issues.

"We decided to theme last week's run on Bastille Day as Peter, who organised the run, lived in France himself for many years and speaks French.

"He wanted to celebrate Bastille Day with a bit of fun, including wearing costumes and singing the French National Anthem La Marseille.

"However, following the tragic events in Nice we thought that although it might be seen as solidarity, it could also have given offence if we gave the impression that we were downplaying the gravity of the attack.

"So instead, we held a minute's silence to mark the tragedy and removed the French theme.

"As we had been planning to celebrate Bastille Day and because of our 'French connection' through Peter we wanted to show our support for the people of France in the wake of this horrific attack."

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The Railway Children steaming into resort

THE family classic The Railway Children is to be performed alfresco in the Community garden at Kings Garden Southport on Sunday, July 24 at midday and 2.30pm.

The production is in association with Sefton Council and is a repeat visit for Pendle Productions who brought Wind In The Willows and Alice in Wonderland, to great acclaim, to the Gardens last year.

This production is one of eight that are being presented around the borough this summer on a whistle stop tour of all of Sefton Council's parks with a different production each week on Sundays.

This Sunday sees the sound of steam engines, Victoriana and the age of innocence where children wave from bridges at passing steam trains.

Follow the enchanting tale about the fortunes and adventures of Roberta, Peter and Phyllis after they move from London to a house near a railway line in the country.

Roberta reads an old newspaper and discovers where their father really is and all the children take part in the adventure of a lifetime.

Pendle Productions The Storytellers retell the past as if it were today. Using song, and dramatic action to transport people back to the golden age of steam.

The production takes place in the surroundings of the Community Garden's, Kings Garden's at Southport - so people are being advised not to forget their picnic and a blanket.

The show is ideally suited to those aged four and above and is sure to entertain and enthral. The production lasts for just over an hour in length. It is performed in an alfresco environment and there will be shelter provided if the weather is inclement.

Further details or tickets can be obtained online at www.summertheatretickets.co.uk or by telephoning the freephone number 0800 7880526.

Former James Bond star visiting town

FOLLOWING the huge success of his tours over the last four years, Sir Roger Moore, the legendary film star who played the iconic role of James Bond in seven movies, will return with a new tour for 2016 and will be at Southport Theatre on Tuesday, November 22 at 7.30pm.

Sir Roger, 88, has enjoyed more than 70 years in showbusiness and the evening is a celebration of his extraordinary life and career, with inside stories and exclusive anecdotes ranging from his internationally-renowned TV series The Saint and The Persuaders, through to Hollywood blockbusters and, of course, the 007 films, in which he starred as James Bond between 1973 and 1985.

Gareth Owen will interview Roger. Gareth is an author and has worked with Moore on his autobiography My Word Is My Bond.

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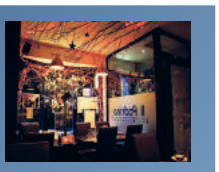

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HUTCHINSON JANE

Jane's family would like to express sincere thanks to all those who attended the funeral service, special thanks to Rev. Irene Cowell and Rev. Neil Stothers for their kind words of comfort and to Westcliffe Manor Nursing Home for the loving care given to her throughout her stay. Grateful thanks to Master McGraths for the excellent refreshments. Finally, thank you to Carl and Nicky Howard and all the team at Howard's Funeral Directors for once again going the extra mile.

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UNWIN KENNETH

Elizabeth and family wish to thank everyone who attended Ken's thanksgiving service at Christ Church, Aughton on 21st June. Thank you for prayers, messages and cards. Thanks to Ross the Vicar, to Mary and her team and to Jean for their love and care. Also to Hunters Funeral Directors for their services and support.

YOU JOYCE

Norman and family would like thank the large amount of kind relatives, friends and neighbours for their attendance at the service to celebrate Joyce's life, for the caring support given and very generous donations received for Queenscourt Hospice. Thank you to the staff at Queenscourt Hospice for looking after Joyce. Sincere gratitude to Rev. Martin Abrams for his thoughtful service and comfort given to Joyce and all of the family. Appreciation to Carl Howard at Howard's Funeral Directors for his professional and personal funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

ROUGHLEY EMILY
10th July 2016
In Hospital
Aged 101 years

A beloved Mother, Mother-In-Law, Nan & Great-Grandma. Funeral service will take place on Thursday 21st July at Upholland Methodist Church at 12 noon followed by interment at Upholland Church, Church Road. All enquiries to W. Banks Funeral Directors, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell, WN5 8UP. Tel: 01695 622272

HANLEY MICHAEL
13th July 2016

Mike passed away peacefully after a long illness. He was the much loved Husband of Irene and loving Father of Philip (deceased), Sue and Christine. A devoted Grandad and Great Grandad. Service at St Josephs Church, Blundellsands on Thursday July 21st at 10.30am. Cremation following at Thronton Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for Brain Tumour Research c/o David Clegg Independent Funeral Services, 77-79 Bridge Road, Litherland. L21 2PA. Tel 0151 9286665

HARDING SHANNON
Passed away
10th July 2016
Aged 22

Loving Son of Susan and Andrew. Will be greatly missed by his Nan, Grandad, Did, Uncle Donald, Auntie Louise, Family and Friends. Funeral service will be held on Thursday 21st July at 1pm at St Francis Church, Skelmersdale. Enquiries to Devonports Funeral Services. 01695 731199

DEATHS

FITTON BRIAN CLEGG
July 14th 2016

Peacefully in hospital age of 76 years. Dearly loved Husband of Marjorie, beloved Dad of Gillian and Martin, much loved Father-in-law of Mark and Cheryl, dearly loved Grandad of Tom, Chloe, Matthew and Holly, dear Brother of Malcolm and Yvonne. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Maghull on Tuesday July 26th 2016 at 1:30 pm followed by Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Cancer Research UK c/o Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330 or www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

SEGAR EILEEN
16th July 2016
Aged 79 years

Beloved Wife of Jim, loving Mum of Philip, Gary and Wendy, Mother-in-law of Samantha, Richard and Karen. Dearly loved Grandma of Rhiannon, Emily, Ryan, Holly and Becky. Eileen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Formby United Reformed Church on Monday 25th July at 11:30 am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

JOHNSON ANN
14th July 2016
Aged 75 years

Devoted Wife of the late Malcolm, loving Mum of Graham, Shirley, Andrew and Clare, much loved Grandma to Bradley, Chloe, George, Harvey, Harrison, Archie and Evie. Funeral Service at Tarleton Methodist Church on Tuesday 26th July at 11:30 am followed by interment at All Saints Hesketh-With-Becconsall Parish Churchyard. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW Telephone: 01704 500086

DEATHS

FAIRHURST ANITA (NEE TARALDSEN)

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CRAWFORD RUTH
18th July 2016
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Aged 81 years
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MORRIS GEORGE
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12th July 2016
Aged 79 years

Dear Husband of Val, much loved Dad of Tracey, Ian, Alison, Duncan, Stu and Mel. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to R.N.L.I or Northwest Air Ambulance c/o funeral director. All enquiries to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel: 01695 622099 www.rbanksandson.co.uk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any pedestrian to proceed over that length of footpath between Redsands, Aughton and Prescot Road, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 1st August until Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for pedestrian traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5197 Prescot Road – Claremont Drive – Redsands and Vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3833/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A59 NORTHWAY & ST MICHAEL ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) NOTICE 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any person to cause or permit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding at a speed exceeding 30 MPH over that length of A59 Northway, Aughton in the Borough of West Lancashire.
No speed limit imposed by this (order) (notice) applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
The prohibition will be operative from 15/08/2016 until 09/09/2016.
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3664/WH]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadoway, Tarleton from its junction with St Helens Well for approx. 25 Meters in an easterly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coe Lane – Meadoway and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3660/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BANK BROW, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle, to proceed over that length of Bank Brow, Upholland from 50 metres from its junction with Ayrefield Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative between 0830 hours and 1530 hours on Sunday 31st July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5375 Skull House Lane – Miles Lane – B5206 Gathurst Lane – B5206 Gathurst Road – A577 Orrell Road – A577 Parliament Street – A577 Grove Road - College Road – Stoney Brow and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utility works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2998/WH]

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(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycles to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0600 hours on the following dates;
Saturday 6th August 2016 until Monday 8th August 2016
Saturday 13th August 2016 until Monday 15th August 2016
Saturday 15th October until Monday 24th October 2016
Or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5246 Meadow Lane – B5246 Rufford Road – B5246 Hall Lane – B5246 Robin Lane – B5246 Chorley Road – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – A5209 Ash Brow – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – A5209 Square Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Causeway Lane – B5246 Diamond Jubilee Road and Vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing maintenance works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3083/WH]

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians on the footway set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any pedestrian to proceed over that length of footway on Redsands, Ormskirk from its junction with Prescot Road to its junction with Redsands, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 01st August until 1700 hours on Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for pedestrians affected by the closure is via:- Prescott Road – Claremont Drive – Redsands and Vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3835/WH]

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0725/FUL New undercover leisure facility (Use Class D2). (Resubmission of planning application 2015/1217/FUL) at Farmer Teds Farm Park, Worrall House Farm, Flatmans Lane, Downholland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0627/FUL Demolition of existing ancillary building comprising garage, conservatory and gym, and construction of new ancillary building comprising of guest suite, home gym and therapy pool at Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road, Halsall.
Application No: 2016/0723/FUL Formation of a silica sand paddock for private use. Proposed paddock dimensions: 40m x 20m. 1.2m high timber post and rail fence around the boundary of the paddock at Francis Farm, 124 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.
Application No: 2016/0726/FUL Single storey and two storey rear extensions, with minor alteration to existing roof as part of overall refurbishment of existing house, including minor changes, hard landscaping and entrance gates at Little Hall, 30 Ruff Lane, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 20th July 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT907

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.S 28 AND 13 (PART) SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath No's 28 and 13 (part), Simonswood, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-
Public Footpath No. 28 Simonswood, West Lancashire commencing at Point A, (GR SD 4293 0212), near Brookfield Farm, Simonswood, West Lancashire and running in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 624 metres to Point B (GR SD 4335 0170) and its junction with FP29 Simonswood, West Lancashire.
Part of FP13 Simonswood, West Lancashire commencing at Point B (GR SD 4293 0212) and running in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 192 metres to Point C (GR SD 4328 0152) at its junction with Simonswood Brook, Simonswood, West Lancashire.
The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the footpaths, said works being the construction of a new pipeline.
Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.
Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.
The Order will be operative from the 22nd July, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.
IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE
The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B-C. Lancashire County Council is informed that no alternative route is provided. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over:
Dicconsons Lane, Halsall from its junction with Rosemary Lane to outside Blundell House WTW.
Formby Lane, Halsall from its junction with Green's Lane for approx. 25 metres westbound.
2. The prohibitions will be operative as follows;
Dicconsons Lane from 0900 hours on Monday 1st August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
Formby Lane from 0900 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:
Dicconsons Lane – B5195 Broad Lane – A5147 Delf Lane – A5147 Wanishar Lane – A5147 Southport Road – A5147 New Street – Summerwood Lane – Narrow Lane – Halsall Lane and vice versa.
A5195 Formby Lane – A59 Northway – A570 Southport Road – A5147 Gorusch Lane – A5147 Halsall Road – A5147 New Street – A5147 Southport Road – A5147 Wanishar Lane – A5147 Delf Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3347/WH]

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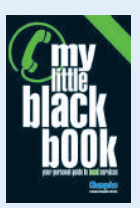

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IF SOUTHPORT really is the Paris of The North then I'd like to nominate it for an ambitious new automotive project. We should use the resort as a pilot scheme for reintroducing the Big French Car to Britain's roads.

The Big French Car is a species not so much on life support in this country as completely dead and buried, consigned to a much earlier grave than the rest of Europe because we're far more interested in what BMW, Audi and Mercedes have to offer. Citroen's decision to can the C5 a few months ago is a case in point.

It's alive and well on the continent, but last year we Brits bought just 237 of them. Not a lot for what's meant to be the Gallic answer to Ford's Mondeo.

Yet if a business trip I've just taken to Normandy is anything to go by then we really ought to be slowly but surely reintroducing the endangered breed that is the Big French Car back to Britain. If the new Renault Espace is anything to go by, big wafty motors from the other side of the Channel started getting interesting the moment we bid them adieu.

In the course of a weekend I saw plenty of French families happily tootling around in something that no longer looks like a van with windows and suddenly has a rather rakish quality.

Convert the French price into English and you're looking at a £29k car – £3,000 more than Volkswagen's Sharan but worth it for something that looks more like a high speed train than a minibus.

The current Renault Espace is far more exciting than its MPV rivals on sale here in the UK

It's the same story elsewhere in Renault's range; the big new Talisman saloon looks fantastic and our French friends can have a neat estate version of the current Clio, but neither of these are available in the UK. Citroen, meanwhile, has announced a follow-up to its fabulous C6 luxury saloon, which is as likely to see a UK showroom as Boris Johnson is to see a friendly face in Brussels. Peugeot's a little better, with a French range that roughly mirrors ours, but it's clear there are plenty of wonderfully endearing cars we Brits should be getting but aren't.

Which is why I think Southport, with its vaguely Parisian boulevard running right through its centre and al fresco dining areas alongside it, is somewhere vaguely French enough to support the reintroduction of big French cars.

We should all be given new Renault Espaces and Citroen C6s - so that we can show the rest of Britain that cars other than bland crossovers and poverty-spec German saloons are available.

The Big French Car deserves a reintroduction here, and with our historical connections to Paris we're the ideal place to do it.

Just don't mention depreciation or the whole idea's ruined…

David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly

New Renault Clio is given a very subtle revamp

RENAULT'S Clio has been given a subtle revamp.

While you might not notice the new full LED headlights, the new hands-free parking system, the choice of two new engines and better audio and satnav systems will appeal to fans of the French supermini.

Prices will be announced closer to its launch in September.

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Mazda launches special edition new supermini

MAZDA'S hoping you'll see red over its new special edition supermini.

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57 BMW MINI COOPER 1600 PETROL ENGINE,
finished in midnight black, chilli pack, black leather trim, Mini alloys, chrome dash inlay, climate control, 2 keys, BMW service history, multi stack CD system, remote locking, air con

05 CORSA LIFE TWINPORT 1.2 5DR HATCHBACK,
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10 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 NTEC 5DR, top of the range, finished in midnight black, fitted with sat nav, 1 lady owner from new, very low mileage only 39,000 with full Nissan service history, alloy wheels, 2 keys, superb condition inside and out **£4995**

57 HONDA CIVIC SE 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in light blue metallic with Honda service history, only 67,000 miles, superb condition inside and out, Honda alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking, air conditioning, multi stack CD, 12 months MOT **£3695**

11 NISSAN MICRA 5DR AUTOMATIC, finished in tungstan grey metallic, only 1 owner from new, sat nav, velour trim, full Nissan service history, 1200cc, remote locking, 2 keys, multi change CD player, cruise control, electric windows and mirrors **£4795**

06 RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE, 1400CC PETROL ENGINE, only 2 owners from new, full service history, timing belt been changed, low insurance, superb condition, full MoT **£1795**

58 NISSAN MICRA AUTOMATIC, 5DR, finished in blade silver, full service history, 12 months MoT, low insurance, 2 keys, remote locking, A/C, LOW MILEAGE ONLY 44,000 FROM NEW, CD player **£3695**

56 FORD FUSION 1.4, finished in blue, 2 owners from new, with full service history, just been MoT'd, only 25,000 miles from new, 2 keys, remote locking, Ford alloy wheels, immaculate inside and out **£2995**

58 FIAT GRAND PUNTO 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in battleship grey, service history, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, power assisted steering, low insurance, central locking, electric windows **£2395**

03 NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in silica gold metallic, long long MoT, serviced every 8,000 miles, 2 keys, remote locking, CD player, superb condition inside & out. **£1095**

57 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 1.4 CC PETROL, 2 owners from new, previously supplied by ourselves, finished in black, alloy wheels, air conditioning, 2 keys, remote locking, serviced every 12 months, full 12 months MoT **£2695**

56 FORD FUSION 2 1.4 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in kingfisher blue metallic, only 2 owners from new, very low mileage only 26,000, manual, 5 speed, low insurance, alloy wheels **£2995**

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63 VAUXHALL CORSA ENERGY 3DR HATCHBACK, 1200cc, finished in burnt orange, only 12,000 miles, full service history, alloy wheels, velour trim, low insurance, 12 months Parbold parts & labour warranty **£5795**

57 FORD KA 1200CC, finished in panther black, low mileage only 52,000 from new, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, only group 2 insurance, superb economy, cheap road tax **£1595**

55 VOLSWAGEN GOLF GT TDI DIESEL 5DR, light blue metallic, power steering, service history, 1 family owner, full MoT, Volkswagen alloys **£3495**

06 FORD FOCUS LX SPORT 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in silver metallic, 2 owners from new, full 12 months MoT, only 59,000 miles from new, 2 keys, part exchange available . **£2395**

61 VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.0, cheap road tax, very low mileage only 30,000, 1 owner from new, Vauxhall service history, Vauxhall alloys, low insurance, finished in star silver, 2 keys, remote locking **£3995**

59 SUZUKI SWIFT 1.4 GLX 5DR, finished in sunburst red, full service history 1400cc, alloy wheels, remote locking, air con, CD player **£3195**

07 RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE, finished in black, only group 2 insurance 1200cc, power assisted steering, remote locking, 2 keys full MoT **£1995**

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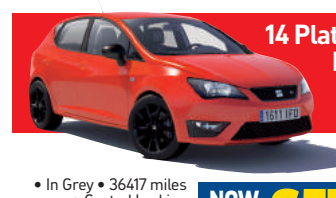

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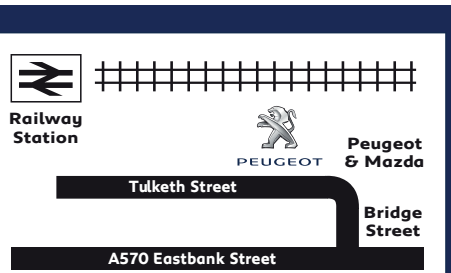

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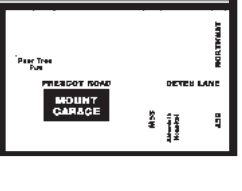

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Ormskirk run out of time in chase for win

EARLY morning rain eventually subsided last Saturday allowing nine out of the eleven local Liverpool & District Cricket Competition clubs to take to the field.

Burscough's game at Highfield was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to drainage problems, while Southport & Birkdale's players and officials had a weekend off to prepare and manage their Trafalgar Road ground and its facilities for the prestigious County Championship match between Lancashire and Durham (see story and pictures, left).

In the Premier Division third placed Ormskirk were held to a draw at Rainhill, the hosts elected to bat first and after batting for 67.2 overs were eventually bowled out for 183 with Tyler McGladdery scoring 42, whilst Josh Bohannon 3-32 and Jamie Barnes 3-33 both bowled well.

In reply the visitors ran out of time in their run chase and ended up on 161-8 with Josh Bohannon and George Lavelle both scoring 38, whilst Dave Atkinson took 4-14 with the ball.

Second placed Northern and fourth placed Bootle drew at Moor Park while seventh placed Formby drew at Leigh.

In the First Division, Burscough's match at Highfield was called off without a ball being bowled due to a saturated outfield and to make matters worse the loss of play saw the long time league leader's drop down to third place in a very tightly packed division.

Fleetwood Hesketh moved up to second in the table after a 56 run home against bottom of the table Maghull, the hosts were put in to bat and stand-in skipper Lee Bolton soon had plenty to worry about as five of his top seven batsmen failed to hit double figures.

However 59 from Sri Lankan all rounder Issy Perera and some lower resilience helped to push the total to 157, with Liam Johnson 5-42 and Australian Jack Wrigglesworth 3-39 in-form with the ball. In reply Wrigglesworth's top score of 28 was all in vain as Perera capped off a fine individual performance by taking 6-25.

Ainsdale recorded a seven wicket home win over Northop Hall, the visitors were asked to bat first and dismissed for just 79 with Robbie Rimmington left unbeaten on 23, whilst in-form Mal Swift made the ball swing his way with an impressive 6-31 from 17 overs.

In reply two unbeaten knocks from Sam Lucas (32*) and Mark Lucas (17*) helped take fourth placed Ainsdale to victory on 82-3.

● In the Second Division, sixth placed Southport Trinity beat Old Xaverians at the Rookery by 72 runs and ninth placed Hightown St Mary's had a six wicket home win against Parkfield Liscard.

● This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm) Birkenhead Park v Northern, Bootle v Leigh, Formby v Lytham, Ormskirk v Rainford, Burscough v Orrell Red Triangle, Maghull v Prestatyn. Newton le Willows v Ainsdale, Southport & Birkdale v Highfield, Wigan v Fleetwood Hesketh, St Helens v Hightown St Mary's and Skelmersdale v Southport Trinity.

Action from the Lancashire v Durham game

County clash at Southport

LANCASHIRE'S County Championship Division One game against Durham was played at Southport and Birkdale Sports Club this week.

Spectators were able to see England stars James Anderson playing for Lancashire and Ben Stokes appearing for Durham. Durham captain Paul Collingwood scored 50 on day two.

Organisers said there were 2,003 spectators on the first day (Saturday) and 2,086 on the second day.

Southport and Birkdale Sports Club chairman, Tony Elwood speaking on the third day said: "This is a big sporting event in Southport this Summer. We are really pleased with how it has gone so far."

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Ex-Premier League keeper nets new role for Linnets

BURSCOUGH FC will have a new face on the sidelines next season after former Premier League goalkeeper John Filan was confirmed as first team coach.

As a player, he was between the sticks from 1989 until 2008 and notably played in England's top division for Coventry City, Blackburn Rovers and Wigan Athletic.

Filan, who was also capped three times for Australia, will work alongside new manager David Powell.

Meanwhile, the fixtures for next season have been revealed, with the Linnets starting the campaign away at Trafford FC on Saturday, August 13.

The side's first home game is an evening kick off on Tuesday, August 16 against Lancaster City FC.

John Filan

Former players back in the fold at Stormy Corner

THE fixtures for the new season are out and Skelmersdale United are ready for the off.

That is the message from Stormy Corner and manager, Tommy Lawson, has strengthened his squad, giving the team a solid reliable look about it.

Tommy Lawson will know exactly what he has brought in to improve things and hopefully he will start to see the results with Skelmersdale United back in action beginning last night against Accrington Stanley.

The first Evo-Stik Premier Division game of the season is at home to Grantham Town on Saturday, August 13, followed by a couple of trips to Derbyshire on Tuesday (16th) at Matlock Town then at Mickleover Sports on Saturday, August 20. Boxing Day sees a Derby match trip to Marine with the return at Skem on Easter Monday.

A full list of fixtures is available on the Skelmersdale United website.

Among the new signings that Tommy Lawson has made are striker Dean Astbury, left-winger Tom Ince and central defender Rob Bodie, all three are proven former Skem players who left the club for none-footballing reasons but, according to Tommy, they were very keen to return and took no persuading to join.

Next Saturday, July 23, Skelmersdale travel to play Welsh club Flint Town for what is a 2-30pm kick off.

Then a busy week follows, Tuesday July 26, sees a trip to Ashton Athletic for a pre-season encounter, followed by a pair of really interesting games. Everton visit on Thursday, July 28 for a semi-final tie in the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup. The match kicks off at 7-45pm and must be decided on the night with a penalty shoot-out if the scores are level after 90 minutes. Entrance is only £5 for adults with children just £1 so it is a great night to bring the children along to see some Premier League stars of the future in the Everton line-up.

On July 30 Skelmersdale will meet Enfield in a game which invokes memories of the their 1967 Wembley FA Amateur Cup Final.

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